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## **Torrence Avenue Bridge in Chicago Closing for Repairs**

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced today that the Torrence Avenue bridge over the Grand Calumet River, approximately one mile south of 130th Street in Chicago, will be closed for emergency repairs on Friday, May 29. The closure is anticipated to last until mid-August.

Detours will be posted. Northbound traffic will be detoured east on Sibley Boulevard, north on Burnham Avenue, northwest on Brainard Avenue and west on 130th Street to reconnect with Torrence Avenue. Southbound traffic will take the reverse route. Motorists should be advised that Torrence Avenue currently is detoured north of 130th Street due to an ongoing Chicago Department of Transportation project.

Deterioration of the main truss members was discovered during a routine bridge inspection last week. Initially, IDOT posted a 15-ton weight restriction on the bridge. After additional analysis, however, IDOT chose to close the structure and expedite the repairs to the truss. Ultimately, this structure has been identified for replacement at an estimated cost of \$13 million in IDOT's FY2016-21 Proposed Highway Improvement Program.

Expect delays and allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at <http://goo.gl/upgvZu>

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